

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 7, 2007

Hampton Inn, Okemos, Michigan

10:00 am — 3:00 pm

Minutes

Delegates Present: Cindy Anderson, Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Tina Densmore, Judith Dorsch-Backes, Jonelle Gillette, Darlene Heard-Thomas, Doris Higgs, Elaine High, Robert Hove, Lynda Jackson, Maggie Kolk, Christopher Korbel, Paul Kubicek, Tom Langdon, Jerry Oermann, David Overly, Susan Peters, Chuck Saur, Jeff Siegel, Richard Spring, Susan Steinbacher, Barbara Stork, Jan VanGasse, Julie Winkelstern, Michael Yocum

Alternates Present: Mischelle Driscoll, Jill Jacobs, Anne Richardson

Ex-Officio Present: Mark Larson

MDE Staff Present: Karen Filliez, Meredith Hines, Patti Oates-Ulrich, Ann Omans, Pat West

Guests Present: Jason Harley, Glynn Helfer, Kelly Orginski, Kristina Zwick

SEAC Consultant: Sandi Laham

Absent: Michael Beach, Jean Christenson, Shari Krishnan, Debbie Squires, Chuck Stockwell, Claudia Werner, Lynn Boza, Sheri Falvay, Lee Martin, Mischele Robinson, Jane Scarlett, Jacquelyn Thompson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

III. Introduction of Guests

Guests were introduced.

IV. Amend/Approve Proposed Agenda

(Note: To request an amendment, the purpose and desired outcome must be stated.)

The agenda was approved.

- V. Amend/Approve February 7, 2007 Minutes
The minutes were approved.
- VI. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- VII. Member Comment
Judith Dorsch Backes (Macomb ISD) requested if any SEAC members aware of a special education center school working with the SPP (State Performance Plan) indicators see her with the information.
- VIII. Chairperson's Report – Chuck Saur
- Report on Executive Committee Nominations for 2007-2008

Beverly Baroni-Yeglic
Julie Daggett-Lawrence
Robert Hove
Tom Langdon
David Overly
Susan Peters
Jan VanGasse
- IX. State Reports – Ann Omans
- Beth Steenwyk at Transition Conference in Frankenmuth. Jacque Thompson on medical leave (eye surgery).
 - ISD Director Update.
 - OSE-EIS conference calls with ISD Special Education Directors 8 times per year with updates from each OSE-EIS unit which are shared with the SEAC
 - No OSE-EIS/ISD Conference call in March because ISD Director's meeting March 20
 - Continuous Improvement Monitoring System (CIMS) is located in Program Accountability (Ann Omans).
 - Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Monitoring Conference in Kansas City.
 - Monitoring is broadening to a general supervisory authority where all aspects of the district are examined.
 - Public reporting of the districts will begin in April.
 - UP Conference Topics (450 in attendance)
 - CIMS, Policy, Complaint Procedures, Due Process Procedures
 - CEC Conference Presentations
 - IDEA 04, Complaint Procedures, Monitoring
 - Federal Application for Federal Funds is on the MDE Web as of March 1. Public Comment ends Friday, April 13.

- Personal Curriculum
 - A department-wide committee will report soon.
 - The SEAC requests a presentation on Personal Curriculum for April.

Discussion followed

X. Reports from Ex-Officio Members

- Mark Larson
 - Joanne Winkelman convenes with the Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Committee and presented the “level system” (not based on “categorical” programming) of delivery at St. Joseph ISD.

XI. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- a. Communications and Electronic Access
 - e-mail will be sent this weekend to this subcommittee about a broadband electronic communication camera
- b. Bylaws Subcommittee
 - will confer before next SEAC meeting
 - The SEAC members are encouraged to review bylaws and bring concerns to the Bylaws Subcommittee.

XII. Information Items¹ - None

XIII. Action Items - None

XIV. Member Announcements

- Patti Oates Ulrich made available the book, *Souls of Autism*.

XV. SEAC Learning:

Special Education Rule Changes – Joanne Winkelman, Policy Coordinator, Program Accountability Unit

- Promulgating Rules Under the Administrative Procedures Act (reference handout)
- Administrative Rules Process in a Nutshell (reference handout)

Discussion:

- No approval needed from SBE; Superintendent signs off on the rules and an “information item” is sent to SBE.
- Public input is solicited.
- Draft approval by SOAHR before any release.
- LD Rule: allowing the option - severe discrepancy or RTI
- Most rule changes due to Federal Regulations (IDEA 2004)
- Notes on this discussion will go to MDE and to the SEAC asking for rule making process and opportunities for input
- Joanne’s forecast
 - June and October for public hearings.
 - Sites: Marquette, Grayling, Detroit, Lansing, Grand Rapids

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<u>SPRING</u>	<u>FALL</u>
LD Sign Lang. Interpreters Transition 230 day rule (ESY)	Speech/Lang. Assistants (ASHA allowance) Part 8 Complaints

XVI. Subcommittee Work Sessions:

- High School Reform – Group 1
- High School Reform – Group 2
- Proactive and Early Intervention for All - Group 3

Lunch

XVII. Reconvene Committee of the Whole

- New executive and old executive committees will meet to nominate chair and vice-chair at 8:30 a.m. next month

XVIII. Subcommittee Report-Outs at 2:30 pm.

- Subcommittee 1: Outcomes for High School Reform
 - Draft in process
 - Suggested Office of School Improvement (OSI) meet with this group in the future.
- Subcommittee 2 : High School Reform; 3 areas
 - Teacher preparation and staff development
 - IHE (Institutes for Higher Education) teacher preparation
 - Incentives/Grants
 - Home/school issues
 - Graduation requirements: suggest Parent Guide for Special Education Parents
 - Web-based resources
 - Parent/Student workshop
 - Student Successes
- Subcommittee 3 – Proactive and Early Intervention for All
 - statement of support for Response to Intervention (RTI)
 - Long term process
 - Targeted teacher training
 - Administrative support at building level
 - Positive behavior support
 - LD requirements and guidelines (new document)
 - Request: MDE to provide a template for information needed

XIX. Process Check

- Steps to take to close out the year and provide support to subcommittees
- Sub-committee reports in due in May for action in June

XX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm

**Special Education Advisory Committee
Executive Committee**

March 7, 2007

8:30 a.m.

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Minutes

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1. Review of Today's Agenda

- a. Invited Presentations for SEAC Learning
 - Joanne Winkelman – Special Education Rule Changes
- b. Chairperson's Report – Chuck Saur (Jerry Oermann and Julie Winkelstern will count the ballots)
 - Report on Executive Committee Nominations
- c. State Department Reports – Ann Omans
 - Groups wish to be involved in policy making. Opportunity for MDE to clarify the process and put things in context.
 - What information/resources are needed in order to provide feedback?
- d. Information Items¹ (if any)

There were none.
- e. Action Items (if any)

There were none.

2. Future Agenda Development

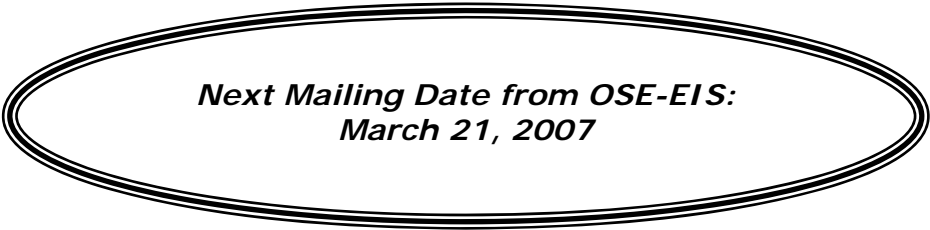
- April Meeting – Personal Curriculum and Educational Development Plan
- Beverly will chair next month in Chuck's absence.
- April Meeting – MDE present a conceptual overview of rules language and discussion
- May Meeting – MDE present specific rules language, implications and discussion.
- Meredith to provide Executive Committee with format for end of year SEAC Report.

3. Other Issues

- The 2007-08 SEAC Retreat will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn and Winding Brook Conf. Center (September 16 and 17, 2007) Meredith to confirm with the hotel and Winding Brook.
- Executive Committee Preparation of new SEAC Members
 - a. Solicit member feedback during May lunch about rules process.
 - b. Briefly meet with new executive committee to set first joint meeting time.
 - c. May meeting – new and old executive committee meet together
- Check list of the SEAC membership terms
- Hearings Report Summary – discuss at next meeting

4. Adjournment

(Executive Committee will debrief following today's afternoon Committee of the Whole meeting.)



***Next Mailing Date from OSE-EIS:
March 21, 2007***

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